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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Carrying out the wishes expressed by you at our last convention in Tucson in April, the Executive Board has appointed an active Planning and Extension Committee under the able leadership of Patricia Paylore. Rather than see the accomplishments of the past year stop completely, this committee has agreed to spend many hours of volunteer time laying the groundwork for a plan for statewide library extension for Arizona.

When the legislature meets in January, the Association must renew its contacts with legislators and urge them to appropriate money to implement the agency created in the Department of Library and Archives through H. B. 151.

The Association has exhibited its ability to work together as one during this past year in accomplishing this goal. We can reach other goals through this same harmony, and there are many we should look forward to accomplishing.

We vitally need new members in our Association. Consider yourself a committee of one to urge all librarians and interested citizens to join our group. We must have more members in order to support the activities which are before us.

The accomplishment of four issues of the ARIZONA LIBRARIAN within a year's time is to be complimented highly. This is our only official organ which reaches all members, and its service and value to you cannot be weighed in monetary terms.

The ARIZONA LIBRARY GUIDE sponsored by our Association is in the process of evaluation in order to make sure that the preliminary issue becomes a worthwhile contribution to librarians and to the schools of Arizona.

Best wishes for a pleasant summer.

GERTRUDE R. JAMES, President
Arizona State Library Association

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NEW PHOENIX PUBLIC LIBRARY

by Jane Hudgins

Librarian, Phoenix Public Library

A \$1,350,000 bond issue was passed in Phoenix on November 16, 1948, assuring a new central library for the city. Of the amount, \$1,150,000 will be used for the central library, \$100,000 for a branch, and \$100,000 for new books to be purchased over a four year period.

In the past too many libraries have been cold and uninviting, inside and out. The new building will be a departure from that. Color will be used in profusion — color to please the eye and suit the place and climate. Woodwork and furniture will be similar to that used in Southwestern homes; there will be comfortable chairs and reading lamps. Tables will be used only for heavy reference books. Glass will be used to develop the relationship between the building and the grounds. There will be patio reading rooms where readers may enjoy the Phoenix climate and sunshine while studying or reading for pleasure.

The new central building will be located on an eight acre tract near North Central and McDowell. Six and one-half acres was deeded to the city by the heirs of Adolphus C. Bartlett for a civic center; additional land was purchased from public subscription.

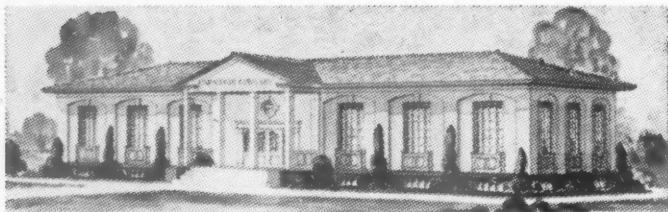
Mr. Alfred Morton Githens of New York City, nationally known architect and consultant on library planning and design, was engaged in 1947 to make recommendations for a new library system. His report stressed the insufficiency of the present system and buildings. Mr. Githens recommended expanding the bookmobile system rather than expending money for new branch buildings. One bookmobile is now in use and another is promised for next year.

Mr. Ernest Kump, San Francisco Civic Center planner, was employed to determine what services will be needed in the center, and his site-use plan will be used as a guide. Mr. Alden Dow, noted architect of Midland, Michigan, will develop over-all architectural and landscape design and assure conformity throughout.

Mr. Githens will plan the interior of both the main library and the branch. A Phoenix architectural firm, Guirey and Jones, will draw the plans for the branch. Lescher and Mahoney, Phoenix architects, will work with Mr. Dow and Mr. Githens.

Among special rooms planned will be a Southwest and rare book room. It will be done in a truly Western manner. Here will be kept valuable books on the Southwest. Several collections have been designated for this room including the books from the library of Colonel J. H. McClintock, Arizona historian.

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Architect's drawing of the Yuma public library addition.

YUMA LIBRARY ADDITION

by Addie Kline, Librarian

Ground was broken recently for the handsome addition to the Carnegie Library in Yuma made possible by the passage of a \$93,000 bond issue.

The addition, designed by Lescher and Mahoney of Phoenix, will be 28x100 feet with a full basement and will provide 5,600 additional square feet of floor space, four times that of the existing library. The new addition, facing east and blending with the existing building, should give Yuma adequate library facilities for some years to come.

The street level approach will make entrance to the building easy, and wide glass doors will make it inviting. The main room will be finished in pastel colors with accoustical ceiling and asphalt tile floors. Fluorescent light fixtures are designed to fit the ceiling. All book shelving, display cases, and bulletin boards will be recessed into the walls, eliminating the dust problem and giving the room a wider appearance.

Departments like reference and teen age section will be set off by stacks extending into the room from the wall shelving. Other equipment includes a book lift from the main floor to basement, tables and chairs, and a few display pieces. The building will be air conditioned.

The basement will be finished like the main floor and used for storage of books and magazines and for a lecture and projection room. Alterations to the existing building will provide a separate children's department and a separate Arizona Room. The librarian will have an office and built-in charging desk with sliding glass partitions for ease in supervising all sections of the library from a central point.

Funds are also available for landscaping the grounds and for the approach to the addition. It is hoped that the building will be ready for occupancy by fall.

ADDITIONS FOR THE MATTHEWS LIBRARY

by Harold Walter Batchelor, Librarian

Housing and service needs of the Matthews Library, Arizona State College at Tempe, have been critical in the post war years. Record enrollments, enlarged curricula, increased faculty, and growing book collections, have faced library administration and staff. A sum of \$525,000 for the Matthews library, included in an appropriation passed by the 19th legislature, will help solve many of these problems.

It was the decision of the college administration to remodel the existing structure known as the Matthews Library, now housing the college administrative offices on the first floor and the college library on the second floor, into an inclusive library structure. Though the remodelling will confine certain structural features within the limitations of the existing building, it is anticipated that an excellent and as functional plan as possible will materialize. Not only will the present building be remodeled, but an addition to the rear will increase the library's area by four-fold plus a five tier stack, with about 150 cubicles for graduate research. Accommodations for 1,000 to 1,200 readers is planned.

On the first floor the plan proposes a graduate education reading room, a general reference room, a periodical reading room, a public patio and lounge, general foyer with public service and loan desk, card catalog alcove, the librarian's offices, a bibliography room, catalog and acquisitions rooms. The second floor will house an exhibit hall, three reading rooms for the humanities, the social sciences, and the natural and applied sciences, plus staff rooms and a best-books club-room. The reading rooms will all be equipped with conference rooms to be adapted for multiple uses of group study, seminars, and faculty research.

Though funds for any luxuries are lacking, it is expected that the new structure will be air conditioned and will be colorfully re-decorated with furniture suitable for the needs of the various rooms.

In the planning every possible administrative economy has been considered in order to service the rooms with the least staff, and accordingly the various rooms are entered through service areas and controls. For example, a general service area and desk will control the graduate education reading room, the general reference desk, and the periodical reading room. Proper supervision is possible, and the greatest efficiency is expected as well as the elimination of service noises usual with reading-room services.

The plan with various changes is posted on a Matthews Library bulletin board, and interested persons are welcomed to view the developments and offer suggestions.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE TWENTIETH ANNUAL CONVENTION ARIZONA STATE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION¹

The Twentieth Annual Convention of the Arizona State Library Association was held in the Library of the University of Arizona, Friday and Saturday, April 1 and 2, 1949.

The first session convened in Room 110 with the President, Miss Jennie Welcome, presiding. Miss Welcome introduced Dr. Robert L. Nugent, Vice-president of the University who extended a welcome to the convention in the absence, through illness, of President McCormick.

Miss Welcome turned over the meeting to Miss Patricia Paylore, Assistant Librarian at the University, who conducted a panel discussion, "Reaching Readers — Techniques of Library Extension."

Miss Phyllis Ball discussed the Louisiana demonstration plan. Miss Gertrude Thayer presented the New Mexico regional plan. Mrs. Gertrude Burt discussed the County-City contract plan as it operates in Pima County.²

Following the discussion Miss Jane Hudgins moved that the Association go on record as willing to help Mr. Mulford Winsor of the Dept. of Library and Archives work out a plan for Arizona. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.

Mr. Frederick Cromwell, who had spent eighteen months as Director of the International Relations Office of the American Library Association, then spoke on "Opportunities for Library Service Abroad." He stated that there are some 63 American libraries and 23 reading rooms maintained by the Army and State Departments. These libraries are looked on as demonstrations, and are the focal point for foreign contact with America as well as the most effective method of making familiar our way of life and foreign policy and of promoting better understanding between us and other countries. Our library in Mexico is the largest and the only free public library in that country. Great Britain and Russia spend larger sums than we do on educational programs, but there seems to be a special demand for American books and periodicals. Demand for library institutes must come from the country itself, but there is a limited opportunity for library service abroad for any librarian who presents a program of study and research.

1. For reasons of space, the proceedings have been shortened and somewhat revised from the typewritten copy submitted by the Secretary.—Ed.
2. Summaries of these discussions will appear in a succeeding issue.—Ed.

Miss Dorothy Hardaway, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, presented her report. The following officers were nominated for 1949-1950:

President—**Miss Gertrude R. James**, Supervisor of Elementary School Libraries, Phoenix.

First Vice-president—**Mrs. Willimina Snyder Schultz**, Librarian, Tolleson High School.

Second Vice-president—**Mr. Donald M. Powell**, Reference Librarian, University of Arizona Library.

Secretary—**Miss Clare Yotter**, Assistant Librarian, North Phoenix High School.

Treasurer—**Mrs. Ellen E. Russell**, Librarian, Amphitheater High School, Tucson.

Mrs. Elizabeth Smith presented the exhibitors: Mr. Wesley Dieter of the Dieter Bookbinding Company; Mr. Ernest Hertzberg of the Hertzberg Craftsmen; Mr. Ray Barr from the University of New Mexico Press and Caxton Printers; Mr. A. C. Sunde representing Encyclopaedia Britannica; Mr. Scott Ansley of Cadmus Books; Mrs. Ruth Ely of the Baptist Book Store, Phoenix; and Mr. J. Stanley of Western Library Service.

Miss Welcome read telegrams of greeting and good wishes from Mr. McDairmid, Mr. Cory, and Miss Ridgway of the American Library Association, and from Miss Essae M. Culver, Miss Sallie Farrell, Miss Ida Wilson and Miss Genevieve Carlton.

The first session adjourned for tea at the Carnegie Free Library.

The second general session convened in Room 110, Saturday at 2:30 p.m.

Miss Welcome called for the report of the Library Guide and Booklist Committee. Mrs. Elvera Weathersbee presented the preliminary edition stating that about \$4,000 had been allocated by the State Department of Education for the publication of 7,000 copies to be distributed among librarians, supervisors, and school principals of the state. She expressed appreciation to the State Department of Education and to members of the Association and contributors for their part in the project. The Guide is the work of 34 librarians and 12 educational, administrative, and clerical assistants. The Guide it is hoped, may be instrumental in improving the appalling lack of facilities in Arizona schools as revealed by the recent survey.¹ The State Superintendent's office wished it clearly understood that the twenty-five cent charge for mimeographed, advance copies of the Guide was to pay for binding, not mimeographing, so that the preliminary edition might be available to librarians at the convention. The printed issue will not appear until the Guide is evaluated and revised by the Association and by a special committee appointed by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

1. See January, 1949, issue of the ARIZONA LIBRARIAN

Miss Welcome announced that four major achievements made this year an outstanding one in the Association's history. Besides the passage of the State Agency bill, the survey of Arizona libraries had been made, the Library Guide and Booklist had been prepared, and the ARIZONA LIBRARIAN had become a quarterly. Mr. Powell, editor of the LIBRARIAN, emphasized the increased need for more news and for articles and contributions of all kinds for the journal.

Mrs. Janet Marsh presented the Treasurer's report. Miss Alvida Hansen moved that the report be accepted; the motion was carried.

Mrs. Schultz made the report for the membership committee of the American Association of School Librarians. She stated that there are thirteen members this year and that although school library standards in Arizona have improved, they are still below A.L.A. standards.

Mr. David Easton, Chairman of the Committee for Intellectual Freedom, said that he had no report to make, rather a sermon for librarians. He stressed that now as never before we must be "watch-dogs of our own freedom." We must be on guard against three perils to our freedom; censorship, infringement of personal freedom of expression, and the abuse of loyalty investigations.

The Secretary read the report of the Chairman of the Personnel Placement Committee, Mr. Harold W. Batchelor. The work of the committee this year has been concerned mainly with supplying information to the out-of-state librarians who wish employment in Arizona. Mr. Batchelor recommended that the work be continued by a standing committee as there is need for capable librarians in the expanding library development in the state.

Miss Patricia Paylore was asked for the report of the Survey Committee. She stated that the survey speaks for itself.

The report of the Ways and Means Committee was read by Mr. William Bartels. Mr. Bartels moved that any funds remaining of the money raised by his committee for the legislative program be earmarked for future legislative action. The motion was carried.

Miss Alvida Hansen presented the list of resolutions.

Miss Gertrude James, co-ordinator of the activities of the Legislative Committee, stated that she had prepared a complete scrapbook of all newspaper publicity, correspondence, and other materials concerning the campaign and that this record, too, speaks for itself. She added that the cooperation of the members of the Association and the committees had made possible the passage of the State Agency Bill.

Miss Phyllis Ball moved that the President appoint a new committee or retain the old Survey Committee to work on an extension plan best suited to Arizona's needs. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.

Mrs. Weathersbee moved that the school library section of the Survey be mimeographed and sent to all the library administrators of Arizona. The vote was seven for and eleven against this motion.

Miss Hardaway again presented the slate of officers. There were no nominations from the floor, and Mr. Bartels moved that the Secretary cast a ballot for the officers nominated. The motion was carried without opposition.

Miss Gertrude James, President-elect and Supervisor of Elementary School Libraries in Phoenix, spoke on "The Phoenix Elementary School Library System." Miss James had volunteered the preliminary survey of Phoenix elementary school libraries and was, therefore, the logical choice for Supervisor when that position was established in 1945 with a budget of \$2,500. The rapid development of this new department, largely due to curriculum expansion, made it necessary to increase the budget to \$15,000 in 1947. Last year's budget grant was \$20,000. Within this time the elementary school libraries in Phoenix have been brought close to A.L.A. standards. There are now eleven full-time school librarians and 17 library rooms in 21 schools throughout the city. Books purchased for the libraries are partly for curriculum and partly for recreational materials, and the buying guides, "A.L.A. Standards for School Libraries," and "School Libraries Today and Tomorrow" are used. Recreational materials are still borrowed from the Phoenix Public Library which has supplemented the school collections for ten years. The Supervisor's office works closely with other departments such as art, music, and visual aids. Comprehensive bibliographies for the fifth-grade Arizona unit in social studies and for the science program for grades 4 to 8 have been compiled in the office. There is a central cataloging and purchasing department.

Following Miss James' talk the Twentieth Annual Convention adjourned.

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THE FEDERAL LIBRARY DEMONSTRATION BILL

The following progress account is taken from the A. L. A. Washington Newsletter of June 9, 1949.

"Efforts to get action on the Library Demonstration Bill this session of Congress are continuing.

"All senators who have agreed to support S. 130 or who have expressed sympathy with the measure have been contacted relative to asking Senate leadership to schedule the bill for a vote in the Senate, where it is now pending on the consent calendar

"We have a promise that hearings on H. R. 874, H. R. 1411 will be held this session, although not by the middle of June as we had hoped

"We do have a majority of support in both House and Senate. The big problem is to get the bill sandwiched in between legislation which has precedence over the Library Demonstration Bill. This we will try to do by watching for the advantageous time and then acting.

"Members of the House Subcommittee on Education, which will consider the bill, are:

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Hugo S. Sims, S.C.
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Republicans:

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ARE POSTAL RATES TO INCREASE?

Of concern to libraries and librarians is legislation now pending before the Congress to establish new postal rates. S. 1103 and H. R. 2945 would sharply increase postal rates on books and affect the cost of library books and interlibrary loans.

S. 1103 reads, in part, as follows: "Books, permanently bound for preservation consisting wholly of reading matter or reading matter with incidental blank spaces for student's notations and containing no advertising matter other than incidental announcements of

books and when in parcels not exceeding seventy pounds in weight, may be sent at the postage rate of 9 cents for the first pound or fraction thereof and 6 cents for each additional pound or fraction thereof, except when the postage rates prescribed for fourth-class matter is lower, in which case the latter rates shall apply." The fourth class rates mentioned are, within the first two zones 16 cents for the first pound and 2 1/10 cents for each additional pound or fraction up to 10 pounds and 2 cents for each additional pound thereafter."

In contrast with these proposed rates the present book rates, in force since January 1, 1949, are given as follows in a recent Post Office Department rate sheet: "Books . . . all zones: 8 cents for the first pound and 4 cents for each additional pound. Books sent by authorized libraries to readers and when returned by such readers, for delivery within the first three zones of the State in which mailed: 4 cents for the first pound and 1 cent for each additional pound."

It has been argued that the proposed book rate would impose a tax on knowledge and a barrier to the wide dissemination of educational materials.

Arizona's congressmen have expressed interest in the matter. Librarians are urged to write their representatives of their views on the legislation.

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SOUTHWESTERN REGIONAL PLANS

Patricia Paylore, Program Chairman

The American Library Association's Southwest Regional Conference will be held in Fort Worth, Texas, November 20-23, 1949, with headquarters in the Blackstone Hotel. The Southwest Conference has been chosen for the inauguration of President-Elect Milton E. Lord as President of the Association for 1949-50. Inauguration ceremonies will take place at the general session scheduled for Wednesday afternoon, November 23rd. Other general sessions will be devoted to Council meetings, an open discussion of the Report of the Fourth Activities Committee, and ALA's nomination and election machinery. President E. W. McDiarmid will preside over the general sessions.

Divisional and sectional organizations which have signified their desire to participate in the program to date are; Association of College and Reference Libraries, Division of Public Libraries, Division of Cataloging and Classification, and the Division of Libraries for Children and Young People. The Southwestern Library Association has scheduled a business meeting and a meeting of its Executive Board.

Library school breakfasts will be held on Tuesday morning, November 22nd. The local entertainment Committee is planning a Chuck Wagon supper for Tuesday evening in the North Side Coliseum. Round Table meetings planned include those on Staff Organizations and Library Service Abroad.

Other tentative plans include discussions of Dr. Robert D. Leigh's forthcoming report on the Public Library Inquiry, and the Implementation of the National Plan.

This experiment in holding regional meetings in alternate years should be of particular interest to Arizona librarians, since many national meetings are held at such a distance that it is difficult for us to attend. The Planning and Program Committees hope that Arizona will have more representation at the Fort Worth meeting than the lonely three who traveled the long road to New Orleans last fall. More program details will appear in the fall issue of the *Librarian*.

Patricia Paylore will be guest editor of the October 1949 issue of the *ARIZONA LIBRARIAN*. The issue will be largely devoted to discussions of plans for state-wide library service. How do you think such service should be developed in Arizona? How should it operate? Miss Paylore will be glad to have letters or articles giving the views of A.S.L.A. members on this important question. Don't wait. Write now.

NEW PHOENIX PUBLIC LIBRARY

(Continued from page 5)

An auditorium seating four hundred people will be a special feature of the new library. Here there can be music, book reviews, lectures, and showing of films and slides. Sound proof cubicles where records and radios can be played will be available. A special section will be devoted to the blind for listening to talking books and for reading Braille.

There will be a pleasant staff rest room, kitchen and lounge. The staff will also have a roof garden adjoining their quarters.

A service started this year will be continued and, it is hoped, expanded in the new building. Framed reproductions of famous paintings, old and new, will be loaned to patrons. The Children's Department will be colorfully decorated, spacious, and inviting to children. A room is planned for story hours.

Since a barrier at the entrance to a building gives a bad impression of services, the circulation desk will flank the entrance of the building. It is hoped that a vista of the grounds will be visible from the circulation area.

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NEWS AROUND THE STATE

by Jennie Welcome

Out Wickenburg way, **Mrs. Ellen Kate Burden**, librarian of the Wickenburg Public Library, writes that the number of borrowers and books has increased so much that two new steel stacks have been purchased. Their children's hour is continuing through the summer, and their collection of character dolls is growing. Many people who are passing through town stop off to inspect the library and pause to read in the coolness of the rooms.

After serving a year and a half as assistant librarian at the Veterans Hospital, Whipple, **Almena Pashby** was transferred to V. A. Center Mountain Home, Tennessee, at a promotion. She has been replaced by **Mrs. Wenona Clark**, of St. Joseph, Missouri.

Mrs. J. R. Burns has resigned as assistant children's librarian of the Carnegie Free Library of Tucson, to accept the position of librarian at the Amphitheater Elementary School.

Frances Imhoff, a graduate of Western Reserve Library School, who temporarily filled the position of senior clerical assistant in the Catalog Department of the Carnegie Free Library of Tucson, has replaced Mrs. Burns as assistant children's librarian.

Ruth Van Valkenburgh, formerly assistant at the Arizona Pioneers' Historical Society library, has accepted the position of senior clerical assistant in the Catalog Department of the Carnegie Free Library of Tucson.

The Carnegie Free Library in Tucson has installed new steel stacks on the second floor to relieve overcrowding. Three new county library stations have been opened at Blenman School, Jefferson School, and the El Paso Natural Gas Compressor Station, located twenty miles from Marana.

June and July are the big months for the **Children's Room of the Carnegie Free Library** in Tucson. Every Wednesday at two o'clock there is a story hour for the pre-school children to the third graders with delightful stories and sometimes music and singing games. The fourth, fifth, and sixth graders have a reading club which has a treasure chest of books. Each book they report on is a jewel and they are trying to see how many book jewels they can earn before their party on the 28th of July.

Miss Rubi Boyce, librarian of the Copper Queen Library, Bisbee, is spending June visiting in the Middlewest and Canada. In her absence, **Mrs. Ed. Howe** is acting librarian.

The Copper Queen Library, Bisbee, has found the University of Arizona Library most cooperative in supplying special reference books required. Last spring, during a Guidance course given by Dr. Glenn Nelson of the university faculty, the University Library loaned sixteen supplementary books to the local library which in turn made them available to students from Naco, Douglas, and Bisbee, who took the course.

The library is trying out a new service this summer. Books are made available to hospital patients twice a week. After this service has been established, it is hoped that a local group will sponsor it.

The Kiwanis Club, Bisbee, presented the Boy Scouts with a complete Merit Badge Library. The one hundred eight pamphlets were placed in the library so they may be readily used by Scouts and others interested.

The Greenway P. T. A., Warren, is keeping the school library open this summer. This organization has bought and added to the library more than one hundred new children's books.

Mrs. Yetta L. Tuschka, librarian of the Old Dominion Library, Globe, writes that the summer reading program for children is in full swing. It is planned to hold a story hour every Wednesday morning. One hundred eight children attended the first one, enjoyed the movie and borrowed one hundred fifty books. The school bus provides transportation for those who live far from the library.

Mrs. Ruth M. Toles, assistant librarian of the Copper Queen Library of Bisbee, says that the new book, "The Secret of Lonesome Valley," by her sisters-in-law, Elsie and Myriam, has been published by Hans Wagner.

Miss Gwen Bowman, Phoenix Public Library, has just returned home from the Good Samaritan Hospital where she went for surgery. She is on the road to recovery.

Miss Delia Button has been on sick leave for the past month and is now improving. Miss Button is a member of the Phoenix Public Library staff.

Miss Jane Hudgins was hostess at the annual spring luncheon complimenting the Library Board and Friends of the Library. The picnic luncheon was held June 8th, on the east lawn of Library Park. It was especially fitting this year to celebrate the victory of the Library Bonds. **Mr. Arthur Corbett**, president of the Library Board, gave a short talk to bring the guests up to date on the plans for the new main building. The fifty-four people who attended had all been active in working for the library bond issue, having given radio talks, speeches before service clubs, etc.

Mrs. Elvera Weathersbee is now on a two months leave of absence to attend Arizona State College and to take her annual vacation.

Mr. Alfred Morton Githens, interior architect for the new Library and Branch, visited Phoenix during the month of May to work on the interior plans.

New staff members of the Phoenix Public Library are **Mrs. Helen Miller**, **Miss Virginia Thompson**, **Mrs. Betty Teders**, and **Mrs. Althea Krumboltz**.

The library profession lost an outstanding and enthusiastic member with the sudden death of **Miss Jeannette Young**, reference librarian of the Phoenix Public Library. The Arizona State Library Association extends its sympathy to her family.

The **University of Arizona Library** is installing the McBee Key-sort circulation system in July. This is a one card system using a hand punched code, and has been described in recent **Library Journal** articles.

The new air conditioning system is now functioning in a most satisfactory manner.

Mrs. Barbara Smith has resigned as documents librarian at the University of Arizona Library to accept a position at the Oklahoma City Public Library.

Mrs. Lutie Higley, assistant reference librarian at the University of Arizona Library, resigned her position effective 1 July 1949.

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Mrs. Lois Smith has been appointed head of the circulation department of the University of Arizona Library, taking the place of **Gertrude Hill**. She is a graduate of Simmons, and has had experience in New England. She has been working in the University Library for over a year.

Miss Maye Snyder assumed the duties of documents librarian and reference assistant at the reference island in the reading room of the university library on the 16th of June. Miss Snyder comes from the Pennsylvania State Library in Harrisburg, Pa. She is a graduate of Drexel.

Mrs. Lee Stratton, librarian of the Duncan Public Library, reports that their summer program will center around their young readers. Many new books have been ordered especially for them. Their vacation librarians are high school girls who are keeping the library open daily from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. except Sundays and holidays. Mrs. Stratton expresses high praise for these public spirited young women.

The Dragoon Woman's Club is establishing a library to be housed in their club building. Books are now being processed, and although the opening date is still indefinite, regular hours should be achieved by September. **Mrs. B. F. McGuire**, secretary, expresses the appreciation of the club for help given by Association members.

Mrs. Willimina Schultz will attend George Peabody College this summer.

Miss Gertrude James is continuing her studies in Chicago.

Mrs. Ellen Russell is spending the summer in Minnesota attending the university library school.

Miss Clare Yotter will be librarian for the summer courses at North Phoenix High School.

Mr. William Bartels is studying at Arizona State College, Tempe.

Miss Dorothy Burge is working in the circulation department of Northwestern University this summer.

Mr. David Easton has resigned from his position at the American Institute for Foreign Trade and will leave July first to become librarian of the Caribbean Commission whose headquarters are at Port of Spain, Trinidad.

Mr. Ralph Hayden will be librarian at Litchfield Park High School beginning in September. He has just graduated from the University of Arizona, where he was a student assistant in the library. He is attending Illinois Library School this summer.

Miss Patricia Paylore has been appointed program chairman for the Southwestern Regional Conference of the A. L. A.

Felice Mignella, Junior High School Librarian at Prescott, will continue work on her library degree at the University of Southern California this summer.

Miss Dorothy Hardaway, librarian of Prescott Senior High School, together with seven high school helpers, will be busy until the middle of July, revising the catalog filing, making card indexes of the Arizona Highways, mending, and getting caught up on cataloging and picture and vertical files, and invoicing.

She says that a very nice library has been built into the new MataDexter Elementary School there. The Washington School P.T.A. raised quite a bit of money for new books for the library last year. **Miss Rosa Haynes** is the librarian.

Mrs. Abbie Raudebaugh, librarian of Flagstaff Public Library, writes that they have opened a children's branch at Sunnyside, a settlement about four miles east of Flagstaff. **Mrs. Ward**, who is in charge, volunteered to operate it and furnished the room. The shelving was donated by a carpenter who lives in the district.

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